

# Relations With United States Are Severed by Mexico

## DRAGNET IS SPREAD OVER MANY STATES, BUT HARRY K. THAW STILL IS AT LIBERTY

### FAMOUS FUGITIVE FROM MATTEAWAN ELUDES PURSUERS

Search of Two Days Ends Without Definite Clue.

### WIFE AND MOTHER GET NEWS OF HIM

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Ordered in Telegram to Stop Use of Family Name in Theatrical Work—Mother Told That Son Will Come to Elmhurst After He Takes Rest—Wherever He Is Found Great Legal Battle for His Return to New York Is Assured—Men Who Assisted in Liberation From Asylum Now Are Known—They Are of Type That Figured in Rosenthal Murder.



HARRY KENDALL THAW.

(From recent photograph.)

EVELYN NESBIT THAW.

### BARNUM ATTACKS LAX DISCIPLINE

Blames Matteawan Asylum Authorities for Escape of Harry Thaw.

### DENIES HIS COMPLICITY

Accused Guard Makes Statement Stoutly Claiming Innocence of Conspiracy.

Matteawan, N. Y., August 18.—Attacking the Matteawan Asylum authorities for their laxness of administration, and maintaining that he is innocent of complicity with Harry K. Thaw in his plot to escape, Howard H. Barnum, for seventeen years an asylum attendant, made a statement to-night giving in detail his movements when Thaw made his dash for liberty. Barnum is blamed by the asylum authorities for allowing Thaw to escape.

Barnum's statement, which was made through his attorney, Ferdinand A. Host, of Matteawan, after explaining that as keeper of the rear gate it was his duty to admit any person who had business at the hospital, continues:

"For some time Harry Thaw has been assigned by the superintendent as an assistant in the storeroom, and it has been the custom for the keeper in charge to permit him at certain times in the day to exercise in the outer yard. This yard is surrounded by a high board fence, in which there is one gate, and there is nothing but this fence between the yard and the road. They have been in the habit of allowing Thaw the liberty of this yard several days every week, and his presence there is a usual occurrence."

Barnum then describes at length the manner in which Thaw dashed through the gate to the automobile waiting outside when the keeper admitted the milkman, and the statement continues: "Thaw has access to the yard and is permitted at will to go to any part of it. I had nothing to do with regulating his movements, and he was in the habit of going out to the gate when I opened and closed it, time and time again. He was given access to the yard by the storekeeper with the knowledge of Dr. Kieb, the superintendent."

### Did All He Could.

"None of the attendants is permitted under the rules to carry any firearms or weapons of any kind, and the gate is so wide that it is impossible for any man guarding it to prevent a patient darting out if he felt so disposed. From the time that Thaw came up behind and leaped from the gate to the time that he was in the car, only a brief interval elapsed, and I did all that any one could possibly have done under the conditions. I tried to pursue him, called after him, and when I saw this was of no use, I gave an alarm at once. "Thaw was permitted to use the yard and to go out to the gate, and I have never been warned or informed by anybody not to permit him to do so. He had been doing this for some time with the knowledge of practically every one. I had no hint or intimation of Thaw's intention to escape. When he flew past me, I was for an instant struck dumb with surprise, and then, recovering myself, I called to him, started in pursuit, and then gave the alarm."

"The efforts of Superintendent Dr. Kieb to implicate me in the affair made at Agram to-day. The commission escaped with a flesh wound in the arm. His assailant, a man named Stefan Drejejo, who recently came from America, was arrested. Drejejo told the police authorities that he had for some time in the neighborhood of Chicago, where he was connected with a Socialist movement."

### VESSEL STRIKES UNCHARTED ROCK

Many Lives Sacrificed When Steamer State of California Goes Down.

### SINKS IN THREE MINUTES

Twenty-Five Passengers and Seven Members of Crew Lost.

Juneau, Alaska, August 18.—Twenty-five or more passengers and seven members of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer State of California, perished Sunday morning in Cambier Bay, ninety miles south of Juneau, when the vessel struck an uncharted rock and sank in three minutes with passengers imprisoned in their state-rooms.

The steamer left Seattle last Wednesday night for Skagway and was wrecked. The pursuer lost all of his records, and it is not possible to give a complete list of the missing. Following is a list of the dead whose bodies have been recovered:

Mrs. A. Burnham, Mrs. Stella Reardon, Mrs. Clara Vanderlin, Miss Lilla Ward, daughter of Edward C. Ward, assistant manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, died after being taken on a life raft.

Mrs. Nellie B. Ward, mother of Miss Ward.

Four unidentified women. Following is an incomplete list of the missing who are believed to have perished:

Miss Anne L. Cassidy, Miss May Dixon, W. A. Dyer, Blanche Fridt, Minnette A. Harland, Leslie Harbo, manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's office in San Francisco.

J. Holman, Miss Alice Johnson, Lillie B. Norman, Nick Pitulais, Miss Heardap, Mrs. C. E. Spithill and child, Ben A. Wade, Miss Wilson.

The uninjured survivors, crew and passengers, are being taken to Seattle, where the steamer Jefferson, and will arrive there Thursday.

A great hole was torn in the bottom of the ship. The vessel, cargo, mail and express, are a total loss. The ship was valued at \$400,000.

The steamer Jefferson, of the Alaska Steamship line, southbound, heard the wireless call of the sinking vessel and turned back to rescue the survivors, who had taken to small boats and life rafts. Ten of the passengers had suffered so severely from exposure that it was necessary to take them to a hospital in Juneau for treatment.

The State of California, an iron steamship of 2,275 tons, was built at Philadelphia in 1879, and carried a crew of seventy-five men. For many years she had carried passengers between Puget Sound and San Francisco.

The wrecked vessel was commanded by Captain Thomas H. Cann, Jr., who had command of the steamer Valencia, on her last trip from Seattle to San Francisco, and was transferred to another steamer when the Valencia reached port, thus barely missing having been on that ship when she went ashore at Cape Beale, B. C., January 22, 1906, with a loss of 117 lives.

### SOCIALIST AS ASSASSIN

Man From Chicago Attempts to Kill Baron Skerleck. Vienna, Austria, August 18.—An attempt to assassinate Baron Skerleck, the new royal commissioner of Croatia, was made at Agram to-day. The commission escaped with a flesh wound in the arm. His assailant, a man named Stefan Drejejo, who recently came from America, was arrested. Drejejo told the police authorities that he had for some time in the neighborhood of Chicago, where he was connected with a Socialist movement.

### ONLY THIRTY-FIVE OLD MEN RETURN

Forty-Eight New Men Have Been Nominated to House of Delegates.

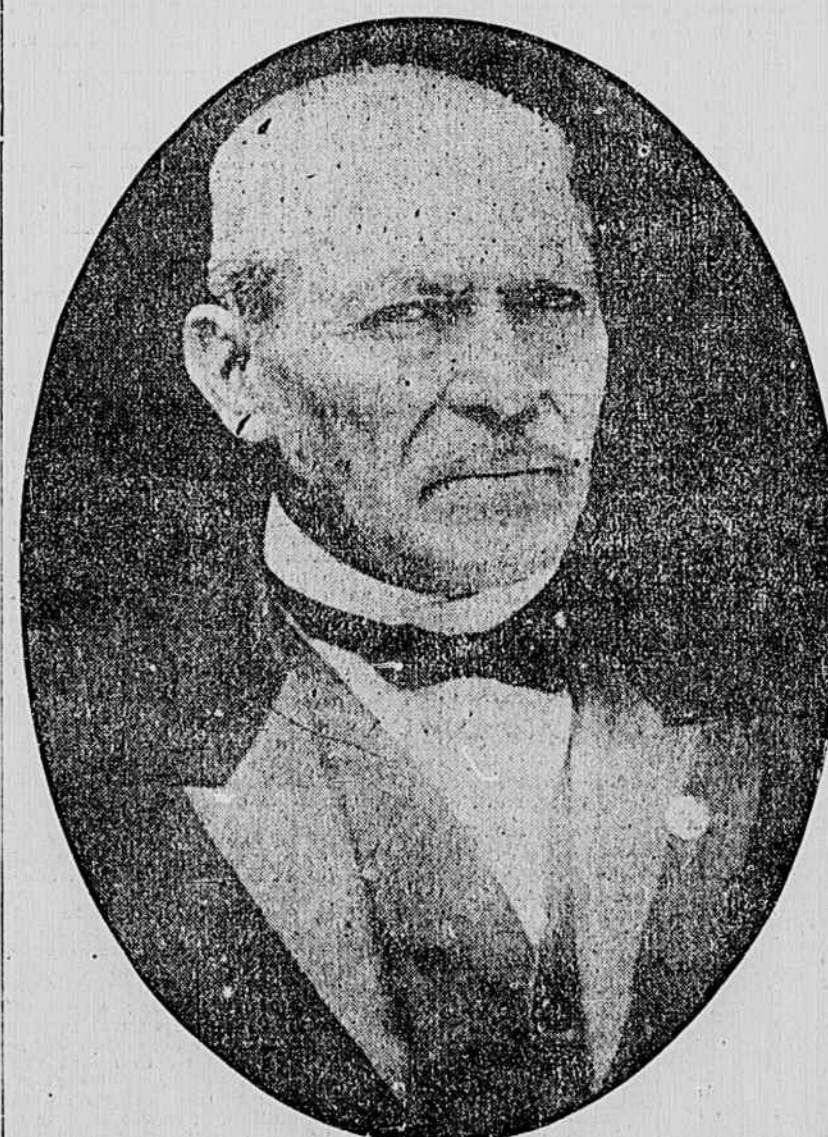
### SEVENTEEN TO BE CHOSEN

Conventions in Republican Districts Are Yet to Be Held.

Eighty-three members have been named in Democratic primaries or otherwise for the next House of Delegates, and with one or two exceptions their election in November is already assured. The large majority will have no Republican opposition. Several of the Ninth and Fifth District counties which have frequently been represented in the House by Republicans have not as yet called conventions to make nominations. Of the eighty-three members whose names and addresses are given below forty-eight are new, in the sense that they were not members of the last House of Delegates, though several have served in the lower branch in former years, and are familiar with the procedure, although they were not here last term. Only

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## He Defies United States



PRESIDENT HUERTA, OF MEXICO.

### GLYNN IS UPHELD IN HIS CLAIMS AS ACTING GOVERNOR

Attorney-General Rules That He Is Entitled to Office.

### HARD BLOW DEALT TO CASE OF SULZER

To-Day Two Tests Will Be Made in New York's Tangled Affairs—Legislature Will Formally Recognize Glynn, and He Will Be Assigned Rooms in Capitol.

BY JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

Albany, N. Y., August 18.—Martin H. Glynn to-night was declared Acting Governor of New York in an 8,000-word opinion by Attorney-General Thomas C. Carmody, the legal officer of the State. This is the hardest blow dealt William Sulzer since his impeachment by the Assembly, August 13. No one who is familiar with the tangle caused by Mr. Sulzer's refusal to consider himself suspended has any doubt that an active effort will now be put forth to dispossess him of the last vestiges of the authority to which he still clings.

Neither Sulzer nor Glynn would make any comment on the opinion to-night. Two tests, either of which ought to be decisive, will be had to-morrow.

### Two Decisive Tests.

First, the Legislature, meeting at noon, will accept from Mr. Glynn a message authorizing it to enact a supply bill. Thus the Legislature will formally recognize Mr. Glynn as Acting Governor.

Second, a meeting of the board of trustees of public buildings will be called by Mr. Glynn. This meeting, composed of Glynn, Speaker Smith, of the Assembly, and Majority Leader Wagner, will designate an apartment in the Capitol, probably Mr. Glynn's present office, as the legislative chamber. This will insure the delivery of State mail to Mr. Glynn, and will enable him to instruct the executive clerks to report to-day.

Mr. Sulzer to-day called a meeting of this board, of which the Governor of the State is ex-officio chairman. He opened bids for the marble work in the Capitol, declared the absence of a quorum and adjourned. Sulzer's meeting was attended by Secretary Platt and W. Gordon Lynde, of the efficiency committee. Neither is a member.

After the week-end lull in the work of extermination which the Legislature has declared against Sulzer, all parties to the conflict are preparing for a resumption of hostilities, and the air is again electric with rumors of what is going to happen.

John A. Hennessy lighted another backfire to-day in a statement that 75 per cent of the road contracts in the State are crooked. He adds that the indictment of Tammany Leader Bart Dunn and William H. Whyard, in Rockland County, shows that his investigation would have unearthed plenty of proof of Tammany graft, had it not been stopped by the fight on Sulzer.

Members of the Frawley committee are preparing for another session, in which they will seek fresh evidence against Sulzer, and also to blow up the story of Mrs. Sulzer's confession. They discovered to-night that both Dr. Abraham, the New York specialist, and Dr. Bendell, the Albany physician

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### FINAL BREAK COMES WHEN RECOGNITION IS DENIED HUERTA

Passports Handed to Acting Ambassador O'Shaughnessy at Midnight, and Lind and Hale Will Be Expelled From Country.

### DRASTIC ACTION TAKEN PROMPTLY WHEN HIS ULTIMATUM IS IGNORED

Huerta Not Only Refuses Friendly Offices of This Government, Proffered by Envoy Lind, Refusing Mediation or "Similar Suggestions From Foreign Country," but Demands That United States Accord Him Recognition by Last Midnight—When Demand Is Ignored He Takes Step Which Severs All Further Diplomatic Relations—Official Notice of Action Not Yet Received in Washington, and Pending Its Arrival Comment Is Withheld

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, August 19.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, acting American ambassador at Mexico City, was given his passports sharply at midnight by the Mexican government. They are to take effect to-day. He has sent no official confirmation of the action and ultimatum of Huerta, but from confidential sources in Mexico City the administration learned at 1 o'clock this morning of the Huerta demand for recognition and his severance of diplomatic relations with the United States.

The only indications about the White House that any cognizance had been taken of the threatening situation was the fact that the official operator remained on duty into the night. At the State Department the operator also remained on duty.

Upon a second call at the White House for information, Secretary Tumulty said that the President had received the news dispatch and that Secretary Bryan, upon being awakened, could find in the State Department no cable from O'Shaughnessy confirming the notice from Huerta. Secretary Tumulty declared further that a cablegram received from O'Shaughnessy at 9 o'clock last night contained no intimation that Huerta contemplated taking action such as outlined in the dispatch regarding recognition.

Mr. Tumulty intimated that the President was not inclined to take the dispatch at its face value unless he received official confirmation.

It was ascertained to-night that O'Shaughnessy cabled the State Department that he and Lind had called together on the Mexican Foreign Minister yesterday, and had impressed upon him the "seriousness of the situation."

### Will Expel Lind and Hale.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

El Paso, Texas, August 18.—Mexicans claiming to have direct advices from Mexico City asserted to-night that General Huerta has decided to expel John Lind and William Bayard Hale from Mexico within twenty-four hours. This action will be taken under article 33 of the Mexican Constitution, which applies to "pernicious foreigners."

### Ultimatum Served on United States.

Mexico City, August 18.—General Huerta has defied the United States. His answer to the propositions of President Wilson was made known to Special Envoy John Lind to-day. It refuses all proffers of mediation or any similar suggestion "from a foreign government."

Envoy Lind has forwarded Huerta's reply to Washington, and will take no further action until he gets instructions from the American State Department.

Following the rejection of the American proposals it was officially stated that the United States would have until midnight to-night to recognize the existing government in Mexico. It was stated that this ultimatum had come directly from General Huerta.

No alternative was set forth in the ultimatum, but the usual action in a case of this kind is the notification of the government involved that the presence of its representatives is no longer desired.

Nelson O'Shaughnessy, who served as American charge d'affaires here while Henry Lane Wilson was ambassador, is now the acting ambassador. If he is notified to leave the country, John Lind and Dr. William Bayard Hale undoubtedly will receive similar treatment.

They are both personal representatives of President Wilson.

### He Will Brook No Interference.

President Huerta, in his reply, told the United States that he would tolerate no interference, even though it might be characterized as friendly mediation. The character of the reply of Washington to President Huerta's note will determine the next action in the international drama.

All those connected with the American embassy refuse to admit the receipt of the note, and that it had been sent was not admitted officially by the Mexican government. At the embassy there was an evident desire to appear optimistic, and one was led to believe that Mr. Lind still hoped for a continuation of the negotiations. Those familiar with the workings of the Mexican administration expressed doubt as to the government again opening the subject for discussion.

President Huerta's failure to live up to what was regarded as the spirit of his recent note, in which he said Mr. Lind would be regarded as persona non grata if he did not bring to Mexico proper credentials, together with recognition of the republic by the United States, had caused the public to believe there was a possibility that he intended to receive with favor, in part at least, the suggestions of the Washington administration.

Those most intimate with Huerta expressed no surprise in declaring that, in their opinion, Huerta had voiced his sentiments fully and unalterably when he stated publicly more than a week ago that he would brook no interference in the work of pacifying Mexico.

The rate of exchange on New York to-day reached 273, and in banking circles the opinion was expressed that to-morrow it will be three for one. The explanation given is an increased demand for mercantile foreign accounts, coupled with the decreased production and export of silver.

### Backed in Stand by Mexican Followers.

That the Provisional President is backed in his stand by the great majority of Mexicans loyal to his administration there can

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